

PATENT APPLICATION

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATIONATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10005508-1

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROUTING EMAIL MESSAGES TO APPROPRIATE ONES OF GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED EMAIL SERVERS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

() was filed on _____ as US Application No. or PCT International Application
Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

Foreign Application(s) and/or Claim of Foreign Priority

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
			YES: _____ NO: _____
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Provisional Application

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE

U. S. Priority Claim

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	STATUS (patented/pending/abandoned)

POWER OF ATTORNEY:

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400**Direct Telephone Calls To:**T. Grant Ritz
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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 Inventor's Signature: *Rupinder Kataria* Date: 10/31/01

Full Name of # 3 joint inventor: _____ Citizenship: _____
 Residence: _____
 Post Office Address: _____
 Inventor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name of # 4 joint inventor: _____ Citizenship: _____
 Residence: _____
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 Inventor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name of # 5 joint inventor: _____ Citizenship: _____
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 Inventor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name of # 6 joint inventor: _____ Citizenship: _____
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 Inventor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name of # 7 joint inventor: _____ Citizenship: _____
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Full Name of # 8 joint inventor: _____ Citizenship: _____
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

I/We, the undersigned (each) have agreed and hereby agree to assign to HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business in Palo Alto, California, (hereinafter HP), in furtherance of my/our obligations to HP, and do hereby assign and transfer to HP, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right of priority, in, to and under an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROUTING EMAIL MESSAGES TO APPROPRIATE ONES OF GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED EMAIL SERVERS

Filing date: _____ Application No.: _____

and the invention(s) and improvement(s) set forth therein, and any and all continuations, continuations-in-part (C-I-P's), divisionals, and renewals of and substitutes for said application for said Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of countries foreign thereto which may be granted thereon or therefor; and any reissues, or reexaminations, or extensions of said Letters Patent.

I/we additionally authorize HP to file applications in my/our name for Letters Patent in any country, to be held and enjoyed by HP, its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent respectively may be granted, reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me/us had this assignment, and transfer not been made;

AND I/we hereby covenant that I/we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I/we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and I/we further covenant and agree that I/we will, each time a request is made, and without undue delay, execute and deliver all such papers as may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention(s) or improvement(s), said application and said Letters Patent, to HP, its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives, and I/we agree to communicate to HP, or to its nominee, all known facts respecting said invention(s) or improvement(s), said application and said Letters Patent, to testify in any legal proceedings, to sign all lawful papers, to execute all disclaimers and divisionals, continuations, C-I-P's, reissue and foreign applications, to make all rightful oaths and declarations, and generally to do everything possible to aid HP, its successors, assigns, nominees and legal representatives to obtain and enforce, for its or their own benefit, proper patent protection for said invention(s) or improvement(s) in any and all countries provided the expenses which may be incurred by me/us in lending such cooperation and assistance are paid by HP;

AND I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue to HP, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest, any and all Letters Patent for said invention(s) or improvement(s), including any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued and granted on or as a result of the application aforesaid, in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

I/we further authorize and direct HP attorneys to insert the serial number and filing date of said application now identified by the attorney docket number and title set forth above as soon as the same shall have been made known to them by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal(s):

 Date Assignment Signed: 10-28-01
Inventor's Signature (Seal)

Inventor's Typed Name: Nancy C. Cheung Date Application Signed: 10-28-01

State of _____)
County of _____) ss :

Before me this _____ day of _____, personally appeared Nancy C. Cheung who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who acknowledged the foregoing instrument of assignment to be his/her free act and deed.

Notary Public
My commission expires: _____

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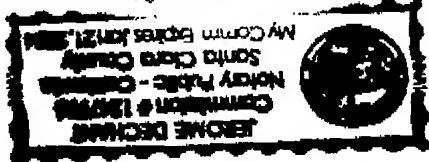
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I we hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal(s):

Rupinder S. Kataria Date Assignment Signed: 10/31/01
Inventor's Signature (Seal)

Inventor's Typed Name: Rupinder S. Kataria Date Application Signed: 10/31/01

State of California)
County of Santa Clara) ss.:

Before me this 31st day of October 2001, personally appeared Rupinder S. Kataria who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who acknowledged the foregoing instrument of assignment to be his/her free act and deed.



Jerome Deciane
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Inventor's Signature (Seal)

Inventor's Typed Name: _____ Date Application Signed: _____

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Notary Public
My commission expires: _____

Date Assignment Signed: _____
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